

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF MARGARET E. FELTS

IN ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 14-0727

Q. Please state your name and business address.

A. My name is Margaret E. Felts. My business address is 316 Market Street, P.O. Box 220, Mt. Carmel, IL 62863.

Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

A. I am the President of Mt. Carmel Public Utility Co. ("Mt. Carmel" or "Company").

Q. Please describe your qualifications.

A. I earned an Associate of Science Degree from Vincennes University in 1976. From 1977 to 1996, I worked for Security Bank and Trust Co. and it's successor, Old National Bank, holding positions of Accounting Department Manager, Assistant V.P. of Bank Marketing, and Assistant Vice President and Trust Officer.

My responsibilities focused on ensuring quality customer service and developing programs responsive to the needs of our customers, as well as supervising the customer contact employees. As Trust Officer, I administered trust and estate assets in compliance with the governing documents.

My responsibilities as President of Mt. Carmel Public Utility Co. include the general management of the Company. I also continue to serve on the Company Board of Directors. Prior to being appointed President, I was Secretary-Treasurer of the Corporation. Responsibilities

23 included supervision of Customer Service, Human Resources, and Financial Management. I
24 have also been involved with the FAC and PGA functions of the Company during my
25 employment.

26 Q. Have you previously testified before this Commission?

27 A. I have testified before the Illinois Commerce Commission on behalf of the Company,
28 particularly in areas of requesting authority to seek financing for expansion and changes in the
29 Part 280 proposed rule, and prior reconciliation proceedings.

30 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony today?

31 A. By Order dated December 17, 2014, the Illinois Commerce Commission ordered Mt.
32 Carmel Public Utility Co. to present evidence showing the reconciliation of Fuel Adjustment
33 Clause revenues with the actual prudent cost of fuel paid by the utility and authorized to be
34 collected under the utility's provisions of the Fuel Adjustment Charge. The period to be covered
35 is calendar year 2014.

36 This reconciliation has been made and my testimony is for the purpose of presenting it
37 and other exhibits.

38 Q. Please describe what Exhibit E-1 attached to this testimony is.

39 A. Exhibit E-1 is a copy of Company's Uniform Fuel Adjustment Clause on file with and
40 approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission and in effect for the year 2014.

41 Q. Please describe what Exhibit E-2 attached to this testimony is.

42 A. Exhibit E-2 is a summary of the Fuel Adjustment Reconciliation for 2014. We have
43 made monthly reports with the Illinois Commerce Commission under the Fuel Adjustment
44 Clause detailing our receipts and purchases so that information is on file with the Commission.

45 Q. Please explain Exhibit E-2 which addresses the FAC Reconciliation – Electric Energy
46 Charge for the year ended December 31, 2014.

47 A. The balance of Factor Ra at December 31, 2013, per the 2013 Reconciliation was
48 \$78,885. The 2012 Factor Ro ordered in Docket No. 12-0649 by order dated December 4, 2013,
49 and collected during 2014 was \$28,865, and the Factor Ro from the 2013 Reconciliation was
50 \$2,002, for a combined Factor Ro to be collected during 2014 of \$30,867. This results in a
51 Balance to be Collected during 2014 of \$109,752 as shown on Line 3.

52 Lines 4 through 7 of Exhibit E-2 address the Under/(Over) Collection of Revenues
53 during 2014, which shows an Under Recovery of \$30,155. When added to the Balance to be
54 collected during the Reconciliation period of \$109,752, the FAC Reconciliation Balance at
55 December 31, 2014 is \$139,907.

56 The Balance of Factor Ra at the end of the reconciliation period, from the monthly
57 filings, is \$139,944. When subtracted from the FAC Reconciliation Balance at December 31,
58 2014 of \$139,907, it leaves at line 10 of Exhibit E-2, a Requested Reconciliation Factor (Factor
59 Ro) to be Refunded in the amount of (\$37) for the calendar year 2014.

60 Q. Who did you purchase your power requirements from for the year 2014?

61 A. MCPU's power requirements for the year 2014 were purchased under an Ameren Energy
62 Marketing full requirements contract which extends past the year 2014. The Ameren Energy

Marketing contract was entered into after a Request for Proposals was issued. Responses to the RFP were reviewed and the contract with Ameren Energy Marketing was the most prudent.

Ameren Energy Marketing was acquired effective December, 2013, by Dynegy Company, d/b/a Illinois Power Marketing. MCPU's Ameren Energy Marketing contract terms were unchanged in the transition.

Q. Have you detailed the monthly FAC filings with your testimony as an exhibit?

A. No, we believe the above exhibits, together with our monthly filings with the Commission, are sufficiently clear to eliminate the need of detailing them at this time.

Q. Have you attached to your testimony a copy of your independent auditor's report addressing the FAC?

A. Yes, a copy of the independent auditor's report issued by Kemper CPA Group, LLP for the year ended December 31, 2014, is attached to this testimony as MCPU Exhibit E-3.

Q. Have you or will you give notice to your customers of the FAC filing?

A. By the time of the hearings on this matter public notice will have been published twice in newspapers of general circulation in the cities and villages in which there are customers of the company who are affected by the filing. The first publication will have been within ten (10) days following the date of the filing and the second publication will have been made during the week following. Notice will also have been posted in a prominent place in the office of the company. Beginning with the date of this filing, copies of the same have been available to the public at the company's business office. The Company will also post the public notice on its website www.mtcpu.com for 60 days beginning within ten (10) days from filing.

84 Q. Do you believe that all fuels were prudently purchased?

85 A. Yes, I do.

86 Q. Do you have anything further at this time?

87 A. No, this concludes my testimony.